

# 2016 Silver Spade Award



Article XV – Silver Spade Award

15.01 – This award is presented every two years at the conference meeting.

**It is presented to a member of the conference who has contributed outstanding regional and/or national service to soil survey, technical soil services, soils research, and/or soils education.**

One or two individuals can be selected for the award every 2 years.

The recipients of the award become members of the (exclusive) Silver Spade Club.

# **Silver Spade Award**

**Started in 1984;**

**Ed Ciolkosz (Penn State) was recognized by the group for his outstanding contribution to the Northeast Cooperative Soil Survey Program.**



**This led to the establishment of the Northeast Cooperative Soil Survey Silver Spade Award.**



1984 - Ed Ciolkosz  
Penn State



1986 - Ed Sautter  
NRCS/SCS



1988 - Sid Pilgrim  
NRCS/UNH



1990 - Bill Wright  
URI



1992 - Del Fanning  
UMD



1994 - Bob Rourke  
UME



1996 - John Sencindiver  
UWV



1998 - Peter Veneman  
UMASS





2000 - Marty Rabenhorst  
UMD



2004 - Steve Carpenter and Jim Baker  
NRCS  
Virginia Tech



2006 - Ronnie Taylor  
NRCS



2008 - John Galbraith  
Virginia Tech



2010 – Jim Turenne  
NRCS



2012 – Mark Stolt  
URI



2014 – Rich Shaw  
NRCS



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**Rutgers snaps 32-game Big Ten losing streak,  
routs Minnesota 75-52**



# 2016 Silver Spade Award

Use of innovative soil survey techniques.



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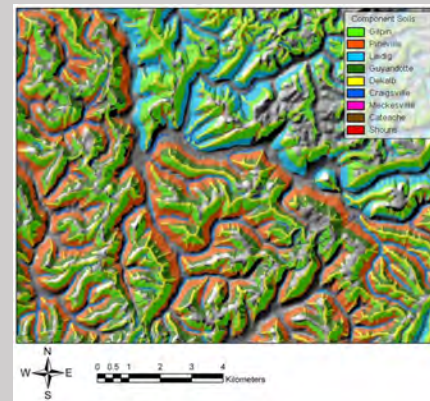
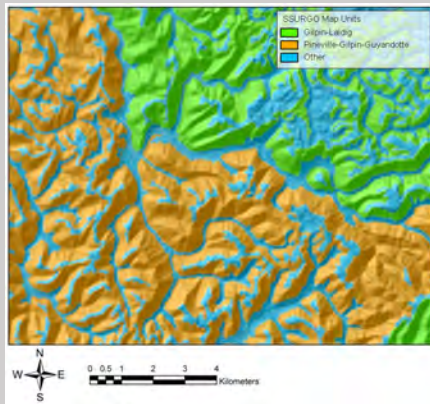
**Nationally and internationally respected.**





# 2016 Silver Spade Award

## Spatial disaggregation



**More detailed & accurate estimates of soil properties.**

**Without leaving the office.**

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**Reigning National Soil Judging Champs.**

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- Improving soil maps with harmonization & disaggregation
- Part of international Global Soil Map team
- Initiating Ecological Site inventories in eastern US
- Establishing partnership NRCS & USFS
- Cooperative projects NRCS Geospatial Research Unit





# 2016 Silver Spade Award

Classes in:

- ✓ Soil Judging
- ✓ Soil Survey & Land Use
- ✓ Soil Genesis & Classification
- ✓ Pedology
- ✓ Applied Wetland Ecology & Mgmt



- Soil Judging national champs in 2006 & 2016
- 2006 District Conservation Educator Award
- 2007 Outstanding Teacher Award, WVU Davis College
- 2011 Golden Auger Award WVAPSS;  
Monongahela Conservation District Frank Glover Award;  
WVU Davis College Outstanding Service Award
- 2014 Full Professor
- 2015 NCSS Cooperator Achievement Award







# 2016 Silver Spade Award Winner





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**Jim Thompson**  
**Professor of Pedology and Land Use**  
**Research and Development Coordinator,**  
**National Soil Survey Center-Geospatial Research Unit,**  
**West Virginia University**